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Letter dated 28 July 2017 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a position paper of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) on the recommendations contained in the eighth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to resolution 1526 (2004) (S/2017/409), which was submitted to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) in accordance with paragraph (a) of the annex to resolution 2255 (2015).

I should be grateful if the present document were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Kairat **Umarov**
Chair
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to resolution 1988 (2011)

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Position of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) on the recommendations contained in the eighth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team

1. On 5 May 2017, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team submitted its eighth report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) (S/2017/409). The Committee is of the opinion that all Member States should be made aware of the Monitoring Team's recommendations and the Committee's position on them. The paragraph numbers indicated below refer to the eighth report of the Monitoring Team.

Asset freeze

2. In paragraph 13, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee write to all Member States to encourage those that had not yet done so to further develop, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, their national mechanisms for sanctions implementation, including implementation of the asset freeze and arms embargo. The Committee will act accordingly and agrees to write to Member States encouraging them to further develop their national mechanisms for implementation of sanctions regimes, including the asset freeze and arms embargo measures.

3. In paragraph 25, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee write to all Member States emphasizing that any activity that facilitates income generation for the Taliban could be covered by the listing criteria outlined in paragraph 2 of resolution 2255 (2015), highlighting the particular vulnerability of Taliban facilitators supporting the Taliban in the narcotics trade as well as the trade in illegally extracted natural resources, and encouraging those that had not yet done so to propose, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, such facilitators for listing on the 1988 (2011) sanctions list. The Committee will act accordingly and agrees to write to Member States emphasizing the role of the listing criteria provided in paragraph 2 of resolution 2255 (2015) in preventing the facilitation of income generation for the Taliban through the narcotics trade and the trade in illegally extracted natural resources.

4. In paragraph 45, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee write to all Member States highlighting the licensing system for money service providers in Afghanistan and encouraging those that had not yet done so to encourage, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, their respective financial institutions to actively use the information provided by the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Center of Afghanistan (FinTRACA) on money service providers operating in Afghanistan in their financial due diligence processes concerning transactions related to the Afghan financial system. The Committee will act accordingly and agrees to write to Member States encouraging them to actively use the information provided by FinTRACA on money service providers operating in Afghanistan as part of their financial due diligence processes.

Travel ban

5. In paragraph 42, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee write to all Member States highlighting the usefulness of the exemption procedures set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of resolution 2255 (2015) for the participation of listed individuals in meetings in support of peace and reconciliation and encouraging those that had not yet done so to make active use of those procedures. The Committee will act accordingly and agrees to write to Member States emphasizing the usefulness of the exemption procedures set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of

resolution 2255 (2015) for the participation of listed individuals in meetings in support of peace and reconciliation and encouraging those that have not yet done so to make active use of those procedures.

Arms embargo

6. In paragraph 48, the Monitoring Team recommended that the Committee write to all Member States highlighting the emerging trend of the use of commercially available drones by the Taliban in Afghanistan, encouraging Member States that had not yet done so to highlight, in accordance with their national laws and regulations, this risk to their relevant business stakeholders in the field and encouraging the exercise of due diligence when exporting such devices to Afghanistan. The Committee will act accordingly and agrees to write to Member States highlighting the emerging trend of the use of commercially available drones by the Taliban in Afghanistan, encouraging them to alert relevant business stakeholders in the field and encouraging the exercise of due diligence when exporting such devices to Afghanistan.